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Dear Mr. Harbord,

I am very sorry to have to tell you that we have eventually decided against taking THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT by H. Weisberg. This is obviously a manuscript of very great interest indeed, and we have all along been favourably disposed towards the idea of publishing it. However, careful enquiries among both university and publishing circles have revealed that a book on this very subject, written by an author who commands a large following over here, is to be published very shortly by Bodley Head. Not only that, but Penguin are to do an abridged version of the Bodley book in the Autumn as one of their "Specials".

While there can be no doubting the excellence of Mr. Weisberg's manuscript, from a publishing point of view there would not be room for two full-scale books covering basically the same ground - ie examining the same report and 26 volumes of evidence. Furthermore, the prior appearance of a paperback book competitor, selling at perhaps one-tenth of the price we should have to charge, would point to disastrous economic consequences for us.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in coming to a decision, but you will appreciate that where so much is at stake, we have to survey our ground very closely indeed. But we are really very grateful to you for allowing us to see such a high quality piece of work. I am now returning the manuscript to you, along with the additional material you sent to Mr. Frewin.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Snell
Editor

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